

EDITORIAL

The frontispiece of this *Bulletin* is the first published photograph of the Panama Ant-thrush (*Formicarius analis panamensis*), taken by Howard H. Cleaves, in the jungles of Barro Colorado Island, at the first known nest of this subspecies. In 1908, George K. Cherrie wrote that the related form on Trinidad nested in holes in trees, but he apparently published no further details. (A 1910 record of a completely different type of nest ascribed to the Costa Rican representative of the species is probably a case of mistaken identity.)

Because of the request from Washington that conventions not directly connected with the war effort be canceled, the officers of the Wilson Ornithological Club have abandoned plans for a 1944 annual meeting of all members. Since many matters of business have accumulated which cannot be handled effectively by mail, President Kendeigh has called a meeting of the members of the Council and the Chairmen of the standing committees. The meeting will be held August 11 and 12, at the F. T. Stone Laboratory of Ohio State University, at Put-in-Bay, on the invitation of Thomas H. Langlois, Director of the Laboratory. Arrangements are in charge of our Treasurer, Milton B. Trautman, who is Research Associate of the Laboratory. Members are asked to write to the Secretary of the Club, or to the Treasurer, on any matter of business which they would like to have brought before the meeting.

OBITUARY

CHARLES E. HELLMAYR, outstanding authority on the classification and distribution of neotropical birds, died February 24, 1944 in Switzerland at the age of sixty-six. After acquiring an extraordinarily complete knowledge of the bird collections of Europe, he came to Chicago in 1922, as Associate Curator of Birds in Field Museum of Natural History, to complete the monumental series of volumes on "The Birds of the Americas" begun by Charles B. Cory. Ten more volumes have been published since, and the manuscript of the remaining parts is being held in Switzerland until war conditions permit sending it to this country.

DAYTON STONER, New York State Zoologist, died May 8, 1944, in Albany. He was born in Iowa and did his early ornithological work there; later he worked in the Fiji Islands, New Zealand, and the West Indies. He was best known among ornithologists for his series of detailed studies of the Bank Swallow. He had been an active member of the Wilson Ornithological Club since 1912.

WILLIAM E. RITTER, noted biologist and philosopher, died January 10, 1944, in his eighty-eighth year. Fortunately for us, birds were among his many and varied interests, and in 1938 he published a remarkable book on the California Woodpecker.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania has issued the first number of a new ornithological journal, "The Ruffed Grouse," edited by E. H. McClelland. The cover design was drawn by Andrey Avinoff, Director of Carnegie Museum.

Joseph J. Hickey, now engaged in war research at the University of Chicago, has been awarded a post-war Guggenheim Fellowship for a study of bird migration and population, based on the bird-banding files in Washington.